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Selectmen Minutes 10-30-2000

Monday, October 30, 2000

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley - Chair, Mr. Lyons - Vice Chair, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon

Also Present: Mr. Marquis, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: September 25, 2000, October 16, 2000

Mr. Hurd moved approval as amended. SO VOTED

APPOINTMENTS

New Election Worker

Marjorie F. Metivier, 115 Franklin St., Pct. 5, D

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Vision 2020 Standing Committee

Ralph Elwell, 21 Montague Street was present.

Mrs. Dias moved approval. SO VOTED

Conservation Commission

David E. White, 55 Bow Street (not present) (term to expire 12/20/02)

John J. Roche, 43 Beverley Road was present. (term to expire 8/8/03)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval: Payment of Bills

Cyrus E. Dallin Art Museum

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

For Approval: Affordable Housing Inventory

Request of the Affordable Housing Task Force

Laura Weiner, Affordable Housing Coordinator was present. Mr. Lyons moved to endorse the application as presented. SO VOTED

Update on Spy Pond, Reeds Brook, Mugar Parcel, Painting of Senior Center and Plane Noise from Logan and/or Hanscom

Alan McClennen, Jr., Director of Planning and Community Development reported the following:

Mugar Parcel: Secretary Durand responded to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, he further suggested that the Mugar Advisory Committee be invited to the next Selectmen's meeting.

Spy Pond: Mr. McClennen introduced Gene Benson, 16 Hillsdale Road, of the Vision 2020 Spy Pond Task Group. He informed the Board that the state has agreed to remove the sand bar from Spy Pond. He requested that the Board approve a letter to Secretary Durand to request assistance to discuss long range plans for the pond. Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED
The Chairman requested that the letter include a thank you to Secretary Durand for his previous efforts on behalf of the Town.

Reeds Brook: Mr. McClennen introduced Kevin O'Brien, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development, Mr. O'Brien reviewed a memo he presented to the Board outlining the progress of the improvements to Reeds Brook.

Mrs. Mahon inquired about new playground equipment for the Cutter School; Mr. O'Brien responded that the Director of Public Works is trying to get new equipment for the playground.

Hanscom Field: Mr. McClennen reported that presently the Hanscom Group and Massport are in litigation and that it would not be advisable for the Town to join in any action at this point.

Senior Center: Mr. McClennen reported that the renovations are almost complete and the only item left is the replacement of blinds with shades.

For Discussion: Invitation to Meeting 11/13/00

Minuteman Regional High School Finance Subcommittee

Mrs. Dias moved to appoint Mr. Lyons to represent the Board. SO VOTED

The Chairman requested that the Finance Committee Chair be appointed relative to sending a delegate to the meeting as well.

Request to Place Masonic Signs in Town of Arlington (tabled from 10/16/00 meeting)

Gary Stig Olson

Mrs. Mahon moved approval subject to the design and location being approved by the Director of Planning and the Town Manager. SO VOTED

For Approval: Naming of Arlington Portion of Bike Path

Mr. Lyons moved that the Arlington portion of the Bike Path be renamed the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail. SO VOTED

Parting Comments of Town Manager Donald R. Marquis

The Town Manager thanked the Board for the privilege of serving Arlington for the past 34 years. He thanked the Board and his staff for their support over the years. Mr. Marquis received a standing ovation from all present.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request for Permission for Use of Publicity Board in Front of Town Hall

M.L. King, Jr. Birthday Observance Committee

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED

Food Vendor License (tabled from 10/16/00 meeting)

Victor Karamousayan d/b/a Yervan Middle East Grocery, 892 Mass. Ave.

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED

Common Victualler License & Awning Permit

John Alexander Inc., d/b/a Gabriella's, John A. Kontos, Pres., 1313 Mass. Ave.

Attorney Christos C. Tsiotos, 193 Winthrop Street, and Mr. Kontos were present. Mr. Lyons moved to decline the license based on an exacerbation of traffic and noise pollution.

SO VOTED

Livery License

Thomas J. Whelan d/b/a Arlington Veterans Taxi, 62 Margaret St.

(original request received 1/5/99)

Livery License

Lida Armstrong, 12 Brattle Ct., (original request received 2/26/99)

Livery License

A & C Livery Inc., Joseph Quinn, 11 Pelham Terr. (original request received 6/1/00)

Ron Bonney, owner of Arlex Taxi was present to speak against the issuance of the licenses. Louis Tricello of Arlington Cab was also present to speak against the issuance of the licenses.

Lida Armstrong, 379 Concord Road, Sudbury was present on her own behalf.

Mr. Lyons suggested limiting the number of licenses to four. Before proceeding, the Board asked that the following questions be clarified: How many currently exist? How many are garaged in Arlington? If a company has them, how many do they use?

Mr. Lyons moved to table the matter to November 20th. SO VOTED

8:30 p.m.

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

There was no one present to speak under citizen's open forum.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESSRequest for Parking Sticker in Municipal Lot

Nina Nickles

The Board took no action on this request.

Request for 30 Permits for Parking at Russell Common

From 12/1/00 – 2/28/01, Request of Bob Mirak

Mr. Hurd moved that the matter be tabled to the next meeting. SO VOTED

Request for One Additional On-Street Parking Space (tabled from 10/16/00 meeting)

58 Broadway, Joanne Corbett was present.

Mr. Hurd moved that no action be taken on the matter. SO VOTED

Mr. Hurd cited the recommendations of the Police and Fire Chief's that indicate that the overnight parking privilege should not extend beyond the frontage of the owner's property.

Request for Overnight On-Street Parking of 2 Cars

78 Warren St., Margaret Callahan was present.

Ms. Callahan explained that she presently stores her vehicles at her neighbor's home that is being put up for sale. The Chairman request that Ms. Callahan wait until such time as new owners buy the home and see if they will entertain continuing her parking her vehicles there. Mrs. Dias moved to refer the matter to the Police and Fire Chiefs for a recommendation.

SO VOTED

Update on Utility Poles/Double Pole Replacement

Report of Selectman Hurd

Mr. Hurd updated the Board on the conversations with the proprietors of the Town's utility poles in the effort to remove double poles and improve safety.

Correspondence Received

James Witt, Second ESRI-Project Impact Community Challenge Grant Be Rec'd
FEMA
Jack Dangermond
ESRI

A.L. Minervini Arlington Contributory Retirement Board's decision relative Be Rec'd
Chair, Arlington to Albert Spina
Contributory Ret.
Board

Glenn Koenig Request for AT&T Broadband to furnish policy in writing on Be Rec'd
Arlington Cable restrictions of use of programs produced in the Arlington Cable
Access TV Studio

John J. Bilafer Patriots Day Celebration Be Rec'd
Chair, Millennium
Celebration Committee

Mr. Lyons moved to have the Patriot's Day Celebration taken over by the Millenium Committee. Mr. Greeley requested that the matter appear as an agenda item at the next meeting.

John L. Worden Approval of loan Be Rec'd
Arlington
Preservation Fund
Mr. Lyons moved approval of the loan. SO VOTED

Douglas Draft Report on Reevaluation of CSO Control Alternatives for Be Rec'd
MacDonald Alewife Brook in Cambridge, MA, August 2000
MWRA
Mrs. Mahon requested an additional copy of the report.

Liam Dalton 6-way intersection at Park Ave. Be Rec'd
49 Park Ave. Ext.
Mrs. Mahon expressed that she has had three individuals approach her about this matter.

EO 418 Update on status of the 2 components of Executive Order 418: Be Rec'd
Interagency The Community Development Plan Program and the Priority
Working Group Distribution of Discretionary Funds-the Housing Certificate
Process

Juergen Wegener Information request on overnight parking in Arlington Be Rec'd
25 Littell Road
Brookline

Elizabeth Coyne Request approval of recycling for all condos over 10 units on Be Rec'd
Arlington a weekly rather than bi-weekly basis
Coalition for
Trash

Mr. Hurd reported that he met with the group last week along with the Town Manager and that they are close to working out an agreement.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED

New Business

Ms. Cove informed the Board of the upcoming implementation of complaint tracking software. She also informed them that they would be receiving a draft of a proposed web policy for the Town for their consideration.

Mr. Maher updated the Board on the Osco litigation and he apologized for the tone of a recent letter he sent to the Director of the MWRA.

Mr. Marquis updated the Board on several matters they should be aware of for the future after his retirement.

Mrs. Mahon forwarded a packet of information to Ms. Cove on traffic calming from a resident for Board information. She stated the need for the maintenance committee to meet and requested a copy of the vote to create that committee by the Town Meeting. She also requested that the policy for the Board use of the Dallin Studio be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Hurd requested replacement of signage and repainting of lines indicating right turn only towards Route 2 from Lake Street. He also informed the Board of an upcoming meeting at the Senior center regarding parking.

Mrs. Dias indicated her disappointment at the lack of benefit from electric deregulation. Mr. Marquis stated that any benefits may be offset by the increase in oil prices. She also requested that the Town Manager arrange for Arlington representation at upcoming regional traffic meetings. She closed her statements by thanking Mr. Marquis for his many years of service.

Mr. Lyons requested that the police study come before the Board for discussion on November 20th. He also requested that the Superintendent of Schools come before the Board with the Chair of the Finance Committee to discuss cost controls and SBAB (School Building Assistance Bureau) reimbursement rates. He reported that he had a very successful meeting with the Interfaith Committee discussing next year's bike race and affordable housing.

Mrs. Dias moved to have Mr. Lyons serve as the Board Liaison to the Interfaith Committee.

SO VOTED

Mr. Lyons requested that the National League of Cities be contacted relative to getting a "undoing racism" packet so that Arlington can participate. He requested that the Assessors provide an extensive explanation of the Tax Rate when they appear before the Board in November.

Mr. Greeley expressed his sympathy for the representative from the Chamber of Commerce, Steve Andrews, as he lost his mother this past week. He commented on the event at the newly refurbished Bishop School. He explained why the interviews for Town Manager were not televised. He requested that the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Town Manager search be invited to the next meeting. He thanked Mr. Marquis for his years of service to the Town of Arlington.

Mrs. Dias moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator

